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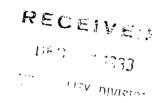
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26855 TROLLEY INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

Taylor, Michigan 48180

December 23, 1983





David Yanochko Air Quality Specialist Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2455 N. Williams Lake Road Pontiac, MI 48054

Dear Mr. Yanchko:

As a follow up to your visit to Dayis Manufacturing on December 10, 1983, and to our December 12, 1983, telephone conversation, I am reporting the following incident to your office.

On December 9, 1983, at approximately 8:30 p.m., a discharge of trichlorethylene vapor from a vent located on the plant roof occurred. This incident was caused by the failure of cooling equipment associated with a vapor degreaser used at the plant. Local fire and police departments were summoned to the scene as the incident progressed. A two block area down wind of the plant was evacuated for 2-1/2 hours as a precautionary measure. Fire fighters hosed the vapor cloud down onto the street and then flushed the material into nearby sewers. None of the estimated 22 gallons of trichlorethylene associated with the incident were recovered. We are aware of no injuries as a result of this event.

Davis is currently investigating the cause of the incident and measures have been taken to prevent the reoccurrence of such an event.

Should you have further questions on this incident, please do not hesitate to contact me at Masco Research and Development (313) 291-3500.

Sincerely,

John M. Cullen

Environmental Engineer

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cc: Steve Haydu

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